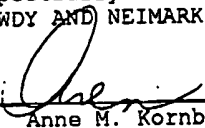


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that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and  
favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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